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Dear Sir:

- 1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 applicants enclose a Form PTO-1449 and make of record the documents listed thereon. A copy of the International Search Report issued in the corresponding PCT International Application on May 23, 2000 and an English version thereof are also enclosed. Copies of references AB and AE are enclosed. Copies of references AA, AC, AD and AF were transmitted to the USPTO by the International Searching Authority in the International processing of this PCT Application.
- 2) This statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the present application.
- 3) References AA to AD are each accompanied by an English Abstract. References AE and AF are in English. Therefore, these references do not need to be discussed. References AB, AC, AD and AE were discussed in the present specification.

4) References AA, AC, AD and AF were categorized in relevance categories by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, namely in the International Search Report of May 23, 2000 in the corresponding International Application. Thereby, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance has been satisfied (see M.P.E.P. §609).

5) Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider all references of record, return an initialled copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to the applicants and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.

6) Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 25 to 47 are respectfully requested.

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